

TRUTH ABOUT THE YALE AND PRINCETON TEAMS.

Capt. Cochran, of the Tigers, Tells of the Faults and Good Points of His Great Eleven as Shown in the Work So Far.

The Condition of the Yale Team Discussed by a Member of the Squad Who Shows That Everything Is Not as Rosy as It Was a Few Days Ago.

By Garrett Cochran.

PRINCETON, Oct. 9.—The candidate for the Princeton eleven have now been working together for about three weeks, and the coaches have had ample opportunity to pick out the most promising material and to form a more or less general idea of what policy the team had better follow, or, to express it more plainly, what style of play it would be best to adopt in order to bring out the strong points of the team. Up to the opening of the university Princeton's prospects were thought to be unusually bright, but several things have since come to light which have considerably interfered with the plans of the coaches.

In the first place several very promising men failed to pass their entrance examinations and decided to go to some other college where the requirements were not so high. Among these were two men that Princeton could ill afford to lose; one a tackle of quite a reputation in the West, the other a quarterback of well known ability. The freshman class was known to be the largest that ever entered, and for that reason it was expected to contain a little more than the usual amount of football material. Here again, however, was another disappointment. Not only that, but there seemed to be an utter lack of "chick" men that could possibly be drilled into players. It was early discovered that Princeton must depend entirely upon the three upper classes.

Lack of material is a serious drawback to any team, and in this respect Princeton is badly handicapped, and is much more unfortunate than either Pennsylvania, Yale or Harvard. With the remainder of last year's team and the substitutes who had not graduated with '97, the coaches began work on September 23 to develop this year's eleven. There were four places to be filled—center, left tackle, left end and quarter. The first week was spent entirely in rudimentary work, such as falling on the ball, passing, kicking and tackling the dummy. The men were divided into two squads—the Varsity and scrub—the first consisting of the remains of last year's team, together with the more promising men, and the latter of all the rest of the candidates, under the captaincy of Lloyd, '98. These two squads were given signals, teams were picked, and the second week they began lining up against each other for a short game, which was gradually increased in length as the men became hardened and in better training. After a few days of this sort of work, the Varsity squad was sifted down to the following men, who started the training table: Ends, Creigh, Lathrop, Cochran; tackles, Hillebrand, Holt, Potter; guards, Armstrong, Crowds, Edwards; center, Booth; quarters, Baird, Palmer, Poe, Rosengarten; halves, Bannard, Kelly, Rieter, Sutor, Reid; full, Baird, Wheeler, Ayers.

Of these men, those who played on last year's eleven are more or less well known. Of the new men, Creigh played last year on the scrub, and Lathrop was a substitute on the Varsity. Both are trying for Brokaw's place at end. At present there is little to choose between them. Both tackle well and follow the ball in good shape, but are lacking in experience. It will be noticed that Holt has been moved from guard to tackle. This was at first an experiment, but it proved so successful that he will evidently be kept there. Although over two hundred pounds in weight, he possesses all the aggressive tactics of his predecessor, Church, and gets into the plays with a vim that argues well for his success as a tackle. Potter is a new man, but with a little more experience will undoubtedly turn into a good player. He is strong and quick and should develop rapidly. Edwards comes from Lawrenceville. He played guard on the scrub last year, and did fairly well. He has shown improvement over his former work, and, if he could overcome his slowness, would be a valuable man.

Booth seems to have centre all to himself. It would be much better if he had some one "hustling" him for the position. However, he is big and strong, but has much to learn. The question of quarterback is the problem which is seriously troubling the coaches. Baird was the first man picked out for the place, and, indeed, has shown by his work that he is far ahead of the other candidates for the position. The question is, however, "Would it be wise to move him from fullback?" Palmer, Poe and Rosengarten are all good men, but they lack experience, and would not be able to run the team with as good judgment as Baird.

At halfback Sutor and Reid are the new men who have sprang into prominence. The former played quarter in '96, and is rather light. He runs swiftly, however, and dodges well. Reid played last year on the freshman eleven. He is big and strong, but entirely too slow for an effective back. Wheeler and Ayers have both been doing excellent work at fullback. They both kick well, and the former is fast becoming a rival of Baird as a drop kicker. The latter weighs nearly two hundred, and hits the line with great force. He is probably the longest punter of all the backs.

Concerning the men who played last year, Armstrong has not been out enough to show what he can do. Crowds, however, has not missed a practice. For so large a man he is wonderfully active and gets into nearly every play. He will undoubtedly make a record for himself this season. Hillebrand is heavier than last year, and is rapidly getting into form. Neither Kelly nor Bannard has yet struck his gait. The former has been too sick to do much work, and has missed a good deal of the practice. Rieter is playing the best game of the backs. He runs hard and fast and is a fierce tackle. Wheeler and Baird are both in good form. The latter has lost none of his knack of kicking, and is even surer than last year of a goal from the field.

Thus far two games have been played, one with Lehigh last Saturday, and one with Rutgers on Wednesday. These teams, however, were too weak to offer much resistance to Princeton's heavy line or to advance the ball any when they had it. As a matter of fact, neither team once gained the necessary five yards to obtain a first down. Princeton's play, on the whole, was fairly good, and for so early in the season, the men played pretty fast football. The interference was poor, however, and the backs, while they ran hard and fast when once under way, were slow in starting. In the game with Rutgers both Baird and Wheeler were given every opportunity to try for goals from the field, and as a result four were kicked, although one was not allowed on account of offside play.

At present the team is far from being in good form, but another week should undoubtedly bring about a change for the better, both in regard to the players individually and the team collectively.

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YALE HAS A FOOTBALL TEAM. FACTS AND FANCES.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 9.—The football outlook at Yale has received several setbacks during the past week which have been partly anticipated and partly unlooked for by the powers that control the doings on the gridiron. The chief thing is what might have been expected at first and what was probably looked for by the experienced coaches who took charge of the team at the beginning of the season—namely, the fact that the new material is not so good as it might be, and, with the Harvard game five weeks off, shows very slow improvement, if any at all. Especially is this true in the case of the line men.

At end Hall, who played at times a brilliant game last year, is not showing up in his best form. He is slow getting down the field under punts, and very rarely reaches the runner until the latter has caught the ball and got a good start. He is also weak on interference and tackling, though the latter points are not so noticeable. Connor has been putting up a fairly good game, but is laid off at present with a bad shoulder. Of the other candidates the less said the better. The coaches have been obliged to go back to the most elementary principles and teach these men what they should have learned at school.

At tackle, aside from the fact that no one seems to use any headwork. Post and Durston both tackle a runner well when an opportunity offers and work hard. Marshall is also a hard worker, but is even greener than the two former, due, perhaps, to this being his first season in the position of tackle, and with all the candidates for this position seems to be the same kind of a fault, which can be found with nearly every man on the back, and that is, not a single line beyond individual playing. The peculiar variation of this fault, in which the tackles indulge, is to go far away from the guard on the offensive.

One of the cardinal points of the game, which it is very difficult to teach to new men, is to play close in on the back, no matter how far out the opposing tackle places himself. When the opposite guard plays one the tackle makes out a hearted effort to box him, and divided between two men on the opposing line does very little harm to either. Allen, the senior, is putting up a fairly good game in the position, and has less faults than the other men.

At guard Cadwalader is showing up well for a new man, and handles his great weight with remarkable effectiveness. He shows a tendency to be enticed away from the centre, thus leaving the quarter back uncovered. His forte is kick kicking. In this he bids fair to rival Hickok. He has not missed a single goal as yet, and his manner of kicking makes it practically a sure thing. He places his right foot carefully at a distance of three feet from the ball, and then, standing with both feet together, he falls gradually forward and kicks in one motion. This method does away with the preliminary two or three steps, and the consequent chances that the foot may be slightly out of the direct line. The ball is struck with the heel and the force and accuracy of a well shot. This method will probably revolutionize goal kicking, and in the future the chances for losing a game on such a score as 6-4 will be considerably lessened.

Among the unlooked for disasters has been MacFarland's inability to continue to play a deficiency in the line. Cadwalader's bad knee, which, though such a thing is always among the possibilities in football, was scarcely looked for, now having been put up with no man of experience sufficient to warrant his being put in the centre of even a green rush line.

The backs are not progressing with that smoothness and lack of mistakes that the coaches desire at this stage of the game. McBride, at full back, continues to play in good form, but the others backs are erratic. Kiefer is a good runner for an end play, but is practically useless as a back. Chamberlin has now learned to kick, and is putting up a very poor game for an end Varsity player. Galt has been put up with no man of experience sufficient to warrant his being put in the centre of even a green rush line.

De Santis is putting up a fast, clever game at quarter on the defensive, but on the offensive he is doing nothing. He is given to stoniness in getting off, and his kicking "back jump" is a great lack of head work. Ely is the only quarter capable of directing the play, and he is expected to adorn the side lines on a pair of crutches for some time to come.

Altogether, the situation may be summed up in the following words: Yale has the best coach, but no man of experience sufficient to warrant his being put in the centre of even a green rush line.

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THE football situation to date should cause every lover of the game to get out in a big wide field, throw up his hat and shout at the top of his lungs from sheer joy. Not a single cloud has appeared upon the horizon. Not a breath of the old wearying, harmful vituperation, just plain honest, good, improved football. Every leading team has given good cause for hope to its followers—with the possible exception of Harvard. With the single exception of Trinity's one score against West Point, not one of the first or second class teams have been scored against. The big four are in the first class. The others, many of whom are liable at any moment to upset calculations, are in the second.

Yale has shown by far the greatest improvement to date. But her salvation is from her only hope—new men. Last year, without exception, Yale had the poorest team in her history. Added to this, things seemed all out of gear. The old spirit seemed to have taken a vacation. But this fall everything is different. Before the team began, her football cause looked as hopeless as it did last year. Wonders have been worked during the past two weeks. Think of a team with seven, and possibly more, freshmen, with a line averaging over two hundred pounds and playing fast, hard ball. It is, however, the logical result of a happy present work. This year she is happy present work. This year she is happy present work.

Cadwalader, the 230-pound freshman, is a tower of strength in the line, and has been kicking goals with a Chesterfieldian grace and ease that has caused Yale rooters to already plan the building of statues in his honor. Last Spring he laid waste that Princeton would defeat Yale by a larger score than she did last year. Well, I'm going to do that work between now and November 20 to be prepared for surprises. Yale followers certainly have every cause to feel far happier than they did two weeks ago.

Harvard is going wrong. With the single exception of Princeton, she had the best team on the field to start the season with. It is too early to form a fair estimate of the new policy. Nobody else is trying a new policy. Every other team is leaning away on the old lines, with, of course, a new play or two being tried. Last year the Harvard team was killed from death from an opposite cause. The team had been exercised in running, walking and darning their socks. Their first game whole and strong. The first time they went up against the real thing, bang they went to the hospital. And the same part is that the injured men are the only ones who should be expected to resist all this. Hard, real work, with the scrub instruction to carefully avoid extreme tackling, which might result seriously, as the football practice which nineteen winners in twenty find to be a waste of time.

But there is no cause yet for Harvard to feel less hopeful than she did. The men behind the line are developing marvelously well and nobody is seriously laid up. Better harden up a bit for the West Point game next Saturday. It bids fair to be a hard one, and the Harvard men are the best of friendly feeling prevails, but West Point believes she has a team which is destined to defeat her. It will be the first time in her history if she does, but it should cause little surprise to hear of any half a dozen doing this year at some unexpected vulnerable point.

Pennsylvania is the most imprudent, the softest team on the field to-day. She stands, for just cause, looking smilingly at the critics of her "preliminary practice." In '94 Pennsylvania played the best game of her life. She was not only a team without the loss of a man. Last year, except for Wharton's being out of two unimportant games, there were no injured men. This year she is the only team to advertise for "Ever Well Tonic." The lost men have been very satisfactorily replaced and they are moving on like a piece of machinery. The team had three weeks of sensible, right, just "preliminary practice." Princeton had less and lighter work and has shown the effect of a few injuries.

Harvard had little "preliminary practice." The members of the team were given for half an hour the last time closed and were told to practise with them and keep in condition. But they didn't get together for real work. Yale devoted her preliminary work to passing, kicking and falling on the ball. Most of the old men are more or less injured. Pennsylvania has four good games with Harvard, Lafayette, the Indians and Cornell. If she doesn't win it will not be because she is not in excellent condition.

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